

## House Resolution No. 3606

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, particularly its educational institutions; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Sappington Elementary School, which has been selected as a 2008 Missouri School of Character by the CHARACTERplus organization of the Cooperating School Districts of St. Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Sappington Elementary School will receive its 2008 Missouri School of Character award during the 14th Annual Character Education Conference, which will be held between July 16 and July 18, 2008, in downtown St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, Sappington Elementary School, in the Lindbergh School District, provides a model of staff, student, and parent empowerment; and

**Whereas**, Sappington Elementary School has grown from a school where teachers occasionally taught character lessons to one that uses purposeful team collaboration and reflection, as grade-level teams plan weekly, connecting character education to academic goals, with character-focused class meetings occurring every three days; and

**Whereas**, support staff and specialists plan monthly all-school character mornings, and students take the lead in the Veteran's Day Assembly and the Volunteer Coffee, organize the greeter table for Family Night, set classroom expectations and service goals, and script and present morning announcements; and

**Whereas**, unique service and academic connections include a buddy program with a school in Alaska and a partnership with the local historical society; and

**Whereas**, students have met AYP every year since 2004, and the Sappington Parent Teacher Group partners in the character education effort with three representatives on both the school and district leadership teams; and

**Whereas**, parents form Buddy Families to welcome new families to the school community, post their own in-school bulletin board and displays, and honor the volunteer of the year:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Principal Mary Hogan, the students, administration, faculty, and staff of Sappington Elementary School on the illustrious occasion of being named a 2008 Missouri School of Character by the CHARACTERplus organization ; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Sappington Elementary School.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Dwight Scharnhorst  
District No. 93

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3606, adopted July 11, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker